

BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

In the Matter of the Organization of American Transmission  
Company, LLC

137-NC-100

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING  
INVESTIGATION, ASSESSMENT OF COSTS  
AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE**

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| <b>Procedural Conference Date:</b> | <b>Tuesday, August 1, 2000 – 10:00 a.m.</b>                              |
| <b>Conference Location:</b>        | <b>Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way,<br/>Madison, WI</b> |

**THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO** identify and schedule for resolution all issues related to the organization of American Transmission Company, LLC (ATC), and the transition to ownership and operation by the ATC of portions of the state's transmission system. ATC is the "transmission company" organized pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.485(1)(ge) and (3m).

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.485 (3m)(a)1.a., the transmission company must apply to the Commission for all necessary approvals and begin operations no later than January 1, 2001. In addition, public utility affiliates may not contribute transmission facilities to ATC without Commission approval, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.584(5)(b). Various other approvals may be necessary before the transmission company may commence operations.

The Commission will convene a procedural conference before Administrative Law Judge Jeffry Patzke, on August 1, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

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This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). Since no unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission that indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely, neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director, at (608) 267-0912.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator John E. Feit at (608) 266-5620.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission

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